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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is a busy time of year for students with a new season of sports well underway and several activities in place for the spring. Prom is coming up on April 7 at Central College; the music department will feature their band, orchestra and vocal students in the Showcase on April 27 & 28, and Tulip Time is shortly following in May.

It's hard to believe we are already in to the Fourth Quarter and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. Please continue to discuss the importance of staying focused for the remainder of the school year. We appreciate all of your support in motivating your child to complete the school year in a positive manner.

Thank you,

Eric Nelson Jon Muller Wade Van Vark

Principal Assistant Principal Dean

April Calendar

7th Junior/Senior Prom

13th Post 12-Week Grades

18th Professional Development - 90 - Minute Early Dismissal

25th Professional Development - 90 - Minute Early Dismissal

30th Senior Celebration Assembly

Register TODAY! 2018-19 Online School Registration is still available

- Log into your parent portal and click on the tab, "Online Registration".
- 18-19 School fees can be paid under the "Payments" tab.

Questions regarding registration or your Infinite Campus credentials, contact Allissa Grandia by emailing <u>allissa.grandia@pella.k12.ia.us</u> or by calling 641-628-9539.

Junior Parents: Financial Aid Night

Financial Aid Night is being presented by ICAN (lowa College Access Network) at Pella High School on Monday, April 9. Please put this on your calendar to attend if you have a junior student. ICAN is a fabulous resource which provides a wealth of information for students, parents, and schools. The Financial Aid presentation will cover the details of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and other grants, and loans offered through this application. The reporting requirements have changed in this federal program recently, which allows for families to file earlier than senior year to determine eligibility for federal student aid. Please join us for Financial Aid Night in the Pella HS Auditorium.

Senior Service Day

Senior Service Day is Wednesday, April 18. Seniors must sign up to participate, and will have the opportunity this year to choose their preferred service location during Homeroom on April 9. Students will meet at the school to start the day then spend the morning working on projects throughout the community, and are dismissed for the day when their site supervisor let's them go. Please watch for an email with more information. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Van Vark at wade.vanvark@pella.k12.ia.us or by calling 641-628-3870 ext. 1613.

Senior Awards Night - Wednesday, May 9, 2017

Senior Awards Night is scheduled for 7:00 p.m, in the Pella High School Auditorium. Please join the celebration of the Class of 2018 as many seniors will be recognized for scholarships and awards they have earned. Students who applied for Dollars for Scholars will receive an email invite and should attend to receive their scholarship from the donor. Please dress appropriately; business casual is encouraged.

Distinguished Service Program

Any seniors collecting volunteer hours for our Distinguished Service Program should submit all the hours they have by Friday, April 27. If they are planning to accumulate hours during Tulip Time, they should still submit their other hours by the 27th, so we can try to complete the logging process. Tulip Time hours will still be counted; just turn them in the Monday after. The final deadline for seniors' hours will be Monday, May 7.

Tulip Time Work Excuse

Please complete the form included in this newsletter and have your son or daughter turn in the form to the office.

Semester Two Calendar

April							
	7	Junior/Senior Prom					
	13	Post 12-Week Grades					
	18	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal					
	25	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal					
	30	Senior Celebration Assembly					
May							
	3	Tulip Time - 11:15 Dismissal					
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		Post 15-Week Grades					
	9	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal					
		Senior Awards Night					
	16 Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal						
	22	Seniors Last Day					
	23	Professional Development: 90-Minute Early Dismissal					
	25	Graduation @ 7:30 p.m. Vermeer Pavillion					
	29, 30, 31	Semester Assessment, Laptop Return, & Student Check-Out					
	31	Last Day of School - 12:30 Dismissal					

^{*} Go to www.pella.k12.ia.us and click on the calendar tab to see all events/activities. You may also access the calendar by going to www.littlehawkeyeconference.com

Tulip Time Schedule

Thursday AM – Periods 1 – 4
Friday AM – Afternoon Classes for Periods 5 – 8

Period 1/5 8:10 - 8:52 Period 2/6 8:57 - 9:39 Period 3/7 9:44 - 10:26 Period 4/8 10:3 - 11:15

(Lunch will not be served either day)

TULIP TIME WORK EXCUSE

Dear Parents and Employers:

Tulip Time is a unique and special event in Pella in which the help of students is needed to assure its success. In recognition of this need, school will be let out at 11:15 a.m. on May 3 and May 4. Therefore all students are expected to be in class while school is in session.

We also understand there are special situations which make it impossible for some students to avoid being absent. This "Excuse Slip" is designed to help make the necessary communications easier. Parents and supervisors need to sign this form. Administration asks that a student be excused only if it is absolutely necessary.

(U.S. Department of Labor – Child Labor Laws for 14 and 15 year olds – If a 14 or 15 year old works while school is in session and is paid by an employer, it is a violation of U.S. Department of Labor standards.)

Please excuse		from school on:						
Student's name				Grade			Date	
****(Please circle the periods you will be missing)****								
Thursday, May 3	Periods:	0	1	2	3	4		
Friday, May4	Periods:		5	6	7	8		
Parent's signature				Supe	rvisor's s	ignature		
					Place			